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## Somewhere old, something new

ROME Rome, the Eternal City - a glorious celebration of the ancient, a golden-toned landmark around every crumbling corner. It's not often that it gets a stylish new hotel in its historical centre - which makes news of the forthcoming JK Place particularly exciting.

Just off the Via Condotti, near the Spanish Steps and next to the Palazzo Borghese, the five-star **JK Place Roma** will open on 1 July 2013. It's the third in the family, and promises to be every bit as stunning as its older sisters in Florence and Capri.

Like its predecessors, the Rome property has been designed by architect Michele Bönan. It is more colourful than the mainly-monochrome **JK Place Florence**, more classic and serious than light-and-airy **Capri**; and it's set in the grand old building that was formerly the home of the Architectural School of the Sapienza University of Rome.

The 17th-century exterior has been preserved. Inside, 30 bedrooms and suites have canopied rosewood beds, a darker palette and wood-panelled walls, and bathrooms of Italian marble. The biggest of them is the 50sqm Master Room, ample space in this jostling, crowded old city - a rare thing indeed.

There is also a rooftop bar and lounge and a café which is open to all, so even if you're not staying the night, you can check out the place from within or from up on the roof, and see all glorious Rome laid out before you.

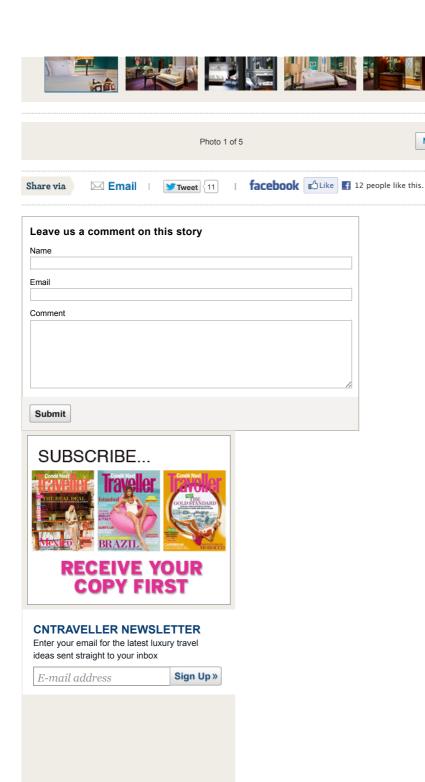
JK Place Roma, Via Monte d'Oro 30, Rome, Italy (www.jkroma.com). Doubles from €700 a night.

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